number of persons who lost their lives is 177, including 43 in a collision at Bahadurgarh and 85 in level crossing accidents which were caused mostly by negligence of road users. The cost of damage to railway property has been estimated as Rs. 5.82 crores.

(c) and (d) All train accidents have been enquired into either departmentally or by Commissioners of Railway Safety and according to their findings the prime cause of train accidents was failure of railway staff followed by failure of equipment. Other causes were sabotage, failure of other than Railway staff, trains running into obstruction like cattle, fallen boulders and trees.

(d) No compensation has been paid so far. Ex-gratia payments, however, are arranged on the spot to the next of kin of those killed and to the injured. Compensation is paid without loss of time as awarded by the ad hoc/ex-officio Claims Commissioners according to the provisions of the Indian Railways Act, 1890.

Promised new Trains

1004. SHRI S. W. DHABE:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of announcements made by the Railway Minister during the last one year about starting of new trains on different routes,

(b) what are the dates on which they were announced and the reasons for announcements; and

(c) the names of such new trains and on which routes they are likely to operate?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) to (c). Announcements for new trains to be introduced on the different routes are made after detailed check of the feasibility of doing so based on persistent demand of the area along with adequate justification being there for the same.

During the last one year, i.e. 1-7-83 to 30-6-84 announcements were made about the introduction of 17 pairs of new Mail and Express trains. The names and routes of the trains are indicated in the statement attached.

Statement

1. 199/200 Jallundhar-Pathankot Express.
2. 205/206 Hoshiarpur-Jullandhar City Express.
3. 29/30 Vadodara-Ahmedabad Express.
4. 317/318 Howrah-Purulia Express
5. 901/902 New Bongaigaph—Trivandrums Central Exp. (Weekly).
6. 903/904 Ahmedabad-Trivandrum Central Exp. (Weekly).
7. 167/168 Indore-New Delhi (via Bhopal) (3 days a week).
8. 191/192 & 167/168 New Delhi-Bhagalpur Magadh-Vikramshila Express.
9. 105/106 Howrah-Barauni Express.
10. 31/32 Howrah-Danapur Express (3 days a week)
11. 409/410 Bhiwani-Kalka Express (3 days a week).
12. 411/412 Lucknow-Meerut City Express.
13. 413/414 Pratapgarh-Lucknow Express.
14. 27/28 Marwar-Ahmedabad Express.
15. 97/98 Kanpur-Farrukhabad Express.
16. 665/66 Lucknow-Bareilly Express.
17. 49/50 Mau Junction-Varanasi Express.

1005. [*Transferred to the 9th Aug. 1984.*]